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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION **TRANSMITTAL** EL623303709US Express Mail Label No. (Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)) Mail Stop Patent Application Commissioner for Patents APPLICATION ELEMENTS ADDRESS TO: P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents. 7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17) Computer Program (Appendix) 1. 🛛 8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing) Applicant claims small entity status. (if applicable, all necessary) 2. 🔲 a. Computer Readable Form (CRF) See 37 CFR 1.27. [Total Pages b. Specification Sequence Listing on: Specification з. 🔯 (preferred arrangement set forth below) i. CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or Specification Descriptive title of the Invention filed in English ii. 🗌 paper - Cross References to Related Applications c. Statements verifying identity of above copies - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D ACCOMPANYING APPLICATIONS PARTS - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s)) - Background of the Invention 9. 🛛 Brief Summary of the Invention
 Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed) 37 C.F.R.§3.73(b) Statement N Power of 10. 🛛 Attorney (when there is an assignee) - Detailed Description English Translation Document (if applicable) 11. 🔲 - Abstract of the Disclosure Copies of IDS Information Disclosure 12. 🔲 [Total Sheets 9 Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Citations Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C.113) 4. 🔯 Total Pages **Preliminary Amendment** 5. Oath or Declaration 13. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) a. Newly executed (original or copy) 14. 🛛 (Should be specifically itemized) Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (for a continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed) 15. 🔲 (if foreign priority is claimed) i. DELETION OF INVENTOR(S) Request and Non Publication under 35 U.S.C. 122 Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) 16. 🛛 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 named in the prior application, see 37 CFR or its equivalent. 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b). 6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76 Other: _ 17. 🗆 18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76: of prior application No: ____/_ ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) Divisional Group / Art Unit: □ Continuation For CONTINUATION or DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference.

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